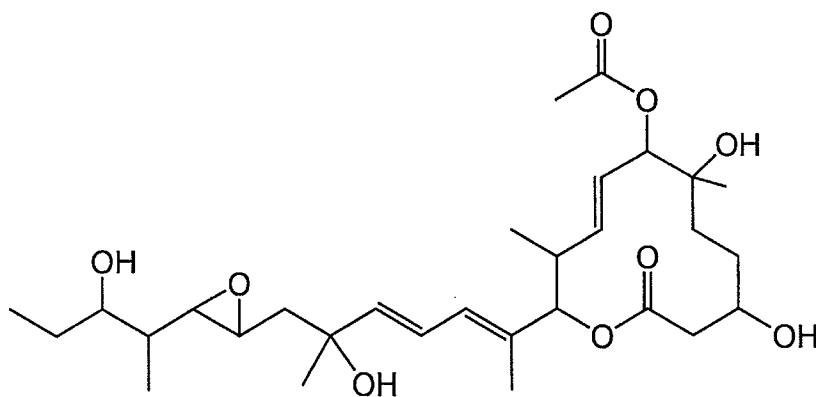


AMENDED CLAIM SET:

1. (currently amended) A method of producing the macrolide compound 11107D represented by the formula (II):

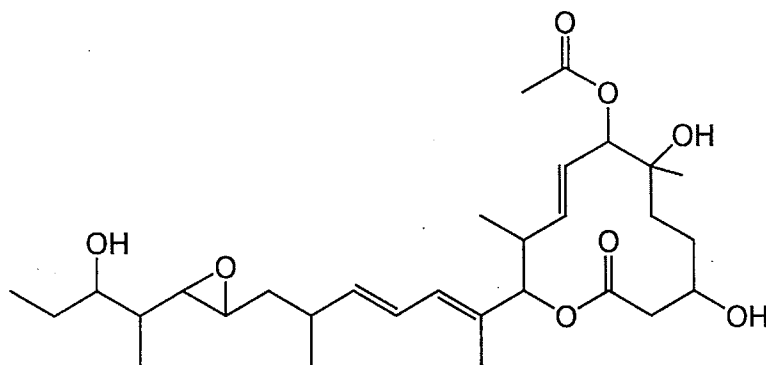


(II)

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by a biological transformation method, wherein said method of producing the macrolide compound 11107D comprises the steps of:

providing ~~wherein the macrolide compound 11107D is produced from the macrolide compound 11107B represented by the formula (I):~~



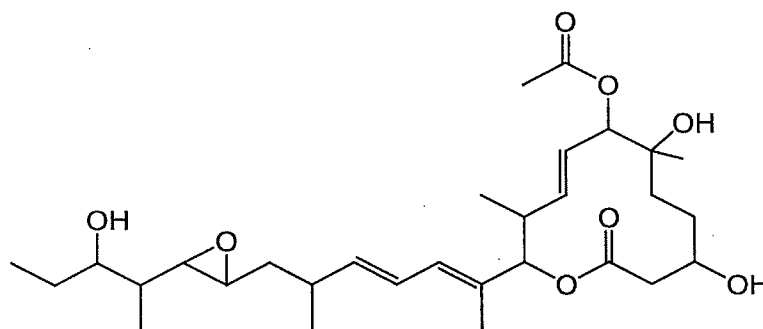
(I)

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~~by a biological transformation method, which comprises providing the macrolide compound 11107B represented by formula (I) and then conducting the following processes (A) to (C):~~

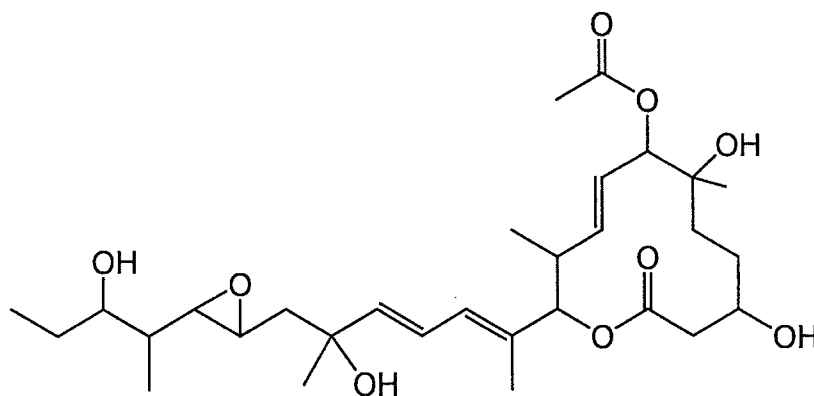
[[C)] collecting the macrolide compound 11107D represented by the formula (II) from the incubated solution obtained in the preceding incubating step [(B)].

5. (previously presented) An isolated or purified culture of *Streptomyces* sp. AB-1704 strain (FERM BP-8551) having the ability of transforming the macrolide compound 11107B represented by formula (I)



(I)

into the macrolide compound 11107D represented by formula (II)



(II)

6. (withdrawn) An isolated or purified culture of *Mortierella* sp. F-1529 strain (FERM BP-8547) or F-1530 strain (FERM BP-8548) having the ability of transforming the macrolide compound 11107B represented by the above formula (I) into the macrolide compound 11107D represented by the above formula (II).

7. (withdrawn) An isolated or purified culture of AB-1896 strain (FERM BP-8550) having the ability of transforming the macrolide compound 11107B represented by the above formula (I) into the macrolide compound 11107D represented by the above formula (II).